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The ice is ready at Spy Pond

### About Arlington People

Valentine Chisholm will be exhibiting his works in oil painting at the Dallin Library during the month of January.

An Epiphany piano recital was held at the studio of Mary Arapoff McEwen. Kristen and Dawn Cahill, Katie Aumueller, Brenda MacPherson, Jennie Adams, Andrew Worden, and Catherine McEwen played solos and duets.

Featured on the program were arrangements from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker ballet. Groups of pupils played a modern ver sion of Silent Night in five parts by Robert Vandall and carol duets arranged by Norman dello Joio. John McEwen on trumpet, John Worden on violin and Andrew Worden on clarinet added to the festivities.

Printing and Publishing Week will be held from Jan. 13-19 in Boston, and George Kaliontzis, of 23 Pine Ridge rd., as the chairman of the Printing and Publishing Council of New England, is helping to arrange the week's activities. For the past 35 years during the week of Ben Franklin's birthday, the council has presented a range of events to mark the above. industry's contributions to New England's life and economy.

Herlihy are being displayed this month in the Coolidge Bank. Ruth is a self-taught artist and a member of the Arlington Art

Janet Constantin performed in the games, film strip reading, word card Christmas Concert presented by the pupils of Mrs. Marion Murphy at the Baldwin Piano and Organ Center in the Burlington Village Mall. Janet, who played a piano arrangement of "Home for the Holidays," is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Constantin of 70 Oak

William H. Borghesani is a member of the negotiating committee for the 128 West Resource Recovery Council composed of 44 communities . The committee will meet weekly in January to negotiate with final bidders for a proposed resource recovery facility in Stoughton.

The 1979-80 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will list the name of Steven Kelly, one of 37 students from Merrimack College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Kelly is a biology major at Merrimack. He has also been class treasurer, chairman of the winter weekend, member of the planning committee and co-president-treasurer of the ski club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kelly, 215 Sylvia st., and a graduate of Arlington High School.

.Paul D. Nissenbaum, of 60 Pleasant st., was recently appointed Public Administrator for Middlesex County by Gov. Edward J. King. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Boston University School of Law, where he was cited for distinguished achievement in estate planning. He practices law with the firm of Nissenaum & Nissenbaum in Somerville.

### **Reading Teacher**

### Parents Can Help Children Read

What can parents who are concerned about their children's reading and verbal

Read with them, read to them, go to the library and browse with the child, limit television watching time. There is an "amazing effect when kids are not allowed to see TV," says reading in-structor Melissa Goerdt.

Parents need to provide a structure and climate for reading, to be seen reading, to have reading materials at home. Parents sometimes forget the influence that they play," she says.

Mrs. Goerdt is in a position to know From a background working as a learning resource teacher and as a teacher at a private reading clinic in Chicago, she moved to Arlington with her husband and founded the Learning Disabilities and Reading Clinic which now meets at Calvary United Methodist Church.

The school started on Trowbridge street with two students and now in its second year has over 30 students (the maximum desired is 40) and a staff of four specialists. Average school attendance is six months. While students come from all over, the biggest response

is from Woburn and Burlington. The students range in age from 7 to adults, but more are in grade seven than other grades. Many are one to three grades behind academically. Mrs. Goerdt recommends that they stay only until they are at grade level or a little

About half of the students are referrals from parents and teachers. The school charges by the hour, but Mrs. Several paintings by local artist Ruth Goerdt says she is trying to run a service more than a business.

One of her secrets in keeping costs down is to buy materials in bulk and to make a lot of materials, ones that are not used in the public schools. Making learning fun is the goal of vocabulary

game and crossword puzzles.

Goerdt's program. New students are given standardized tests covering intelligence, learning disabilities and achievement.

students are tested further. They are also retested after four months

No more than four students meet at a time with two teachers. For at least an hour of the two-hour class they work one to one. No activity is done in the classroom which does not help the specific problem which the student has.

Mrs. Goerdt says phonics and spelling difficulties are the most prevalent. Some students have auditory, visual or perceptual problems. Some can be trained to overcome an auditory memory problem through a more visual approach, and repeating directions to themselves until they remember them. For these students coping with oral directions and note taking are problems.

A big problem with a child with learning disabilities is that the child thinks he is not as smart as others, she says. Yet he scores as high or higher on intelligence tests. The parents are aware that their child is smart, but the child is confused because he doesn't understand

Many of the cases she sees are developmental reading problems which can be linked to many factors, everything from slow maturing to the

Mrs. Goerdt does not recommend that a parent try to teach his child, or both will be unhappy. She explains that a parent is not sure what a child should or should not be able to do. The child sees

Many parents feel that they should be

### able to teach, but children do not like to

Testing is an important part of Mrs

Depending on what is found out, the

The goal of this testing is to provide an individualized program for each student.

why he can't understand.

home environment.

the parent as mom or dad.

### They're Poor & Sick Fighting The System To Regain Benefits should be waived. She's 62 and seldom strays from her

breathing machine by the couch. Her 64year-old husband, with a pacemaker pasted to his chest, has been unable to work for 10 years.

The East Arlington couple, who neither read nor write, rely on the government for their food, medicine, clothing and rent. They have no choice; they have no income or savings.

So it shocked them this fall that without notice the government not only had revoked their Medicaid, which paid for their prescriptions, but had reduced their monthly benefits from \$690 to \$515. the government also asked for the return of \$525 in overpayments.

The government's reason: when Mrs. Jones (real name withheld) turned 62 in July, she became eligible for \$181 per month in early retirement benefits. At that point the couple's total benefits rose above the approximately \$500 maximum allowed, and their \$175 in monthly SSI payments was revoked, making them no longer eligible for Medicaid.
But it took the SSI computer six weeks

to learn of Mrs. Jones' early retirement benefits, and by that time it had overpaid

the Joneses by \$525.

With the help of an attorney the Joneses have begun fighting not to return the overpayment. They expect to have a decision in the next few weeks from Judge George Pierce of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration in Boston.

Attorney Jack Fisher, whose Senior Citizens' Law Project office in Cambridge is federally funded, is also maneuvering to have the Jones' medical coverage restored, either in the form of

Medicaid or Medicare In the meantime, he says, the Joneses are still in limbo. Minuteman Home Care

has been watching over the Joneses, helping them cope with problems and serving as a link to the world outside their modest home.

As the legal fight goes on, the Joneses become more frustrated. "By God, I can't even buy a coat for myself," says
Mrs. Jones. "I'm 62," she adds, "I don't
think I'll go much farther than that."
The Joneses, originally from Canada,
have been living in the United States for

more than 20 years. Fisher says Mr. Jones, who worked maintaining factory

machines, was a longtime U.S. taxpayer. Fisher says the couple depend heavily on their son for help, but the son lives in tts and is not always

available to help.

A Jan. 3. hearing was short because Mrs. Jones had been hospitalized with breathing problems and was unable to appear. Aside from arthritis, she suffers from a number of lung diseases, including asthma and emphysema.

Fisher has thus been preparing to convey to the judge a memorandum on the issues as well as an affadavit from Mrs. Jones on why the overpayment

Fisher says Judge Pierce may visit the Jones' house if not satisfied by the affadavit that recovery of the over-payment would hurt the Joneses.

The medical coverage issue is more complex. Fisher explains that with SSI one automatically gets Medicaid. Without SSI, he says, the government puts one in another category, where the maximum amount of benefits to be eligible for Medicaid is \$375. The Joneses, with benefits slightly over \$500,

are thus ineligible with or without SSI. Fisher hopes to have the Joneses declared eligible for Medicare, for which more rules and categories exist. He says Medicare is normally available to persons over age 65 but may also be granted under certain conditions if a person has been disabled for two years.

With Medicare the issue again is the maximum. Mr. Jones gets \$334 in Social Security disability benefits, which lifts the couple about \$8 above the maximum for a disabled couple. But of that \$334, about \$8 in Medicare premiums are automatically deducted.

Fisher is therefore arguing that since that \$8 is unavailable to Mr. Jones, the couple should be considered as being below the maximum, and thus eligible. for Medicare.

For the time being the Jones' pharmacist has agreed to send their bills to Minuteman, which will withhold payment until the case is decided. If the bills were paid now, says Minuteman case manager Gerard Colletta, the government probably wouldn't reim-burse the Joneses even if the case was decided in their favor

Colletta says he hasn't heard of many dilemmas like the Jones' but that his agency is small, and he wouldn't be surprised if this kind of problem often

'It's a game," says Fisher. "There's really no rhyme or reason to these things. Just rules and limits," he says.

### Town Offices, **Schools Close Next Tuesday**

Arlington Public Schools and parochial schools and Minuteman Technical School will be closed on Tuesday which is Martin Luther King Jr.

Arlington Town Hall, the Robbins Library and the two branch libraries as well as the Council on Aging office will be

Stores throughout the state will be open at their own discretion.



Fill'er Up

The Amoco station across from Jimmy's on Mass. ave. is getting a new 10,000 gallon gas tank. Jon Dowling helps dig the hole the monstrous tank will fit into.

### By Manager **Board Asks Study Of** Separate Police, Fire

The Selectmen have the right to ask that dismantling of the Community Safety Dept. be studied, and can take a policy position in favor of separation of the departments, but the board cannot 'direct the manager to accomplish the realignment. That prerogative is his and his alone.

That opinion closes a written opinion by Town Counsel John Maher to the board which voted this week to ask Town Manager Donald Marquis to prepare plans for possible re-establishment of separate police and fire departments.

A similar motion which directed Community Safety director Robert Blomquist to prepare such plans was made during budget discussions by Selectman William Grannan, then withdrawn when Maher advised that his legal opinion should be sought on the matter.

At the time of the budget discussion Blomquist told the board that separating police and fire would not save administrative costs since the consolidation was done with the same number of people. He would simply go back to being fire chief and the present acting fire

director would become a deputy.

An additional cost would be for administration of the inspections division-which is part of the Community Safety Department street lighting program. lso, the police chief would get a raise to

maintain mandatory differentials between ranks and officers who cover during for him during his absence would be paid extra.

At the time he made the first motion Grannan said he wanted information on how separation of the departments would be implemented and what the budget impact would be.

He said this week that he wanted to know what effect separating the departments would have in view of plans for a new police building at Summer and Mystic streets which would combine communications and maintenance for police and fire.

In his opinion, Maher noted that the Town Manager Act gives the manager specific powers to reorganize, consolidate and abolish departments; transfer the duties and powers of one department; establish new departments; and temporarily establish new positions.

However, there are other parts of the Town Manager Act which Maher interprets as giving the Selectmen "the right to require from the manager a report on how he would accomplish the realignment.'

Maher advised that such a request be directed to Marquis and not Blomquist who is appointed by the manager. It was left that Marquis would prepare the plan with the assistance of Blomquist.

Adult Ed. Dept. Classes Still **Have Openings** 

be in a teaching situation with parents.

Kids are embarrassed not to know

something, she says. The situation creates too much animosity.

With an outside teacher, such as Mrs. Goerdt, the child can make mistakes and

feel more comfortable. Some of the

writing and verbal skill weaknesses she

attributes to television and its low level of communication. She hears from teachers

that they do not have time to emphasize

written expression.

At her school Mrs. Goerdt tries to

make learning fun, but there is an emphasis on basic skills. Children are given

a lot of writing experience. Each time

they are in class they write at least one

story. The youngest ones dictate the

story for the teacher and the older ones

students is the adults who need help with

communication skills, vocabulary,

spelling and punctuation. Some have

been frustrated and embarrassed by

their shortcomings and they are

track of student development. Students

are often tested, and the teachers try to

accentuate the positive and do not

early bedtime, is important, she says.

In her classroom Mrs. Goerdt keeps

motivated to learn.

criticize.

One of the most motivated groups of

write the stories and correct them.

Whether car repair, photography, cake decorating, Spanish, or key punch, Arlington's Adult Education Program is probably offering it.

Residents who did not sign up for courses during the pre-registration can still enroll on the first night of a course provided there is still room. (See last week's ad for listing.)

New 10-week courses for the second semester include Know Your Car on Mondays or Wednesdays and Auto Service and Maintenance on Tuesdays and Thursdays: There is a choice of nights for

beginner cake decorating, while intermediate decorating is on Tuesdays. Beginner guitar is also Tuesdays, while Advanced Guitar will be given Wed-In Wines and Wine Appreciation on

Mondays students will learn everything

from how to pronounce the wines to

starting a wine cellar. Photography is given Mondays while there is a choice of beginner and intermediate yoga nights. Stained glass, using both copper foil and lead techniques, is given Mondays. Intermediate Bridge is scheduled Thursdays. Advanced Quilting is on

Tuesdays, with Key Punch given two nights a week. There are also courses in Italian, Spanish, beginning typing, art, ceramics, chair caning, macrame, clothing, knitting), braided rugs, tailoring, slip-

coversdraperies and woodworking. For information contact the Adult Ed. Department of the school department or attend the sign up at the class.

**Town Hall Roundup** 

#### Warrant Open

The warrant for the annual Town Meeting which will begin on April 28 was opened on Monday night by the Board of Selectmen. The warrant will be closed on Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

Residents, committees and town departments wishing to have articles inserted in the warrant must bring them to the Selectmen's office prior to the closing date

#### Pedestrian Light

A petition from the Locke School Advisory Committee for a pedestrian crossing light on Park avenue in the vicinity of Florence avenue has been

referred to the Community Safety Dept. Director of the department Robert Blomquist said he needs the cooperation of the residents to determine how many youngsters would be crossing in the area.

Selectmen feel that a report back from the Community Safety Dept. is needed within two weeks, possibly sooner, so that an article can be inserted

in the Town Warrant if needed. Director Blomquist said that he hopes to have at least a preliminary report ready by next

Chairman of the Board Robert Havern said that contact should be made with the School Committee so that any installation could be incorporated with the closing plans at the Locke School.

John L. Worden III, 27 Jason st., and Rita Cloherty, 53 Candia st., have been reappointed to three-year terms on the Historic District Commission through

#### **Hurd Field**

Selectmen approved the motion of member of the board Ann Powers to install a hump at the entrance to the parking lot at Hurd Field in an effort to prevent speeding in the area.

The board also included in the motion the stipulation that a sign be installed noting the hazard.

#### The decision to install the sign came on the recommendation of Director of Public Works Ray Ouellette who favors

the installation of the hump if the sign is installed.

Condominium Control Selectmen have received a communication from the Arlington Housing Authority stating that their legal counsel s unable to assist the Town Counsel in developing controls on condominium conversion with the town, due to restricted budgetary consideration.

### Campaign Finance Reports Are Due

Town Clerk Christine M. Callahan would like to remind all candidates and committee treasurers that the final finance reports must be filed on or before Jan. 10 in the following year, complete as

Town Manager Donald R. Marquis told Selectmen that a Fair Housing Committee should be appointed by next week so that an article in connection with a Fair Housing By-law can be inserted in the town warrant prior to the closing deadline of Jan. 21

#### Firefighters

The Executive Board of the Arlington Firefighters has invited members of the Selectmen, Town Manager Donald R. Marquis and Director of Community Safety Robert Blomquist to meet with them at the Central Fire Station on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

#### Right On Red

The final step in connection with the Right on Red traffic law has been taken by the town with the publishing of a legal notice in this week's paper

The advertisement includes all the locations where drivers may not make a

### Thomson Coming

Composer Virgit Thomson will be at the Harvard Coop record department on Jan. 12 at 12:30 to sign autographs. He is the composer of the suite "The Plow That Broke the Plains," a work of the 1930's.

right turn on a red signal. The Selectmen voted the locations at a meeting on Nov. 19. This was approved by the State Dept of Public Works on Dec. 18.

#### **Special Meeting**

Selectmen discussed the possibility of holding a Special Town Meeting in March or May

The Special Meeting would include discussion of the several Redevelopment Board articles in connection with the proposed Community Safety project at Mystic and Summer streets

Town Manager Marquis said he feels that the Redevelopment Board would not be ready to discuss the long series of articles in March.

Selectmen Robert Murray said he doesn't feel that May is a good time to hold a special meeting since Town Meeting is beginning so late this year, and a special meeting within the regular meeting would push the Town Meeting closer to the July 1 fiscal year deadline.

#### **ZBA Ruling**

The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to Salvatore Ventura for construction of a two-family dwelling at the intersection of Drake road and Mass avenue. The property is zoned for twofamily, but features irregular shape and

topography

The board felt that without variances from dimensional and density regulations the property would not be able to be used. In granting the approval the board said a stockade or similar security fence four feet high must be erected along the rear lot line.

### Senior Citizen's Trip Planned To Kennedy Library

Arlington Recreation and the Robbins Library are co-sponsoring a senior citizens trip to the Kennedy Library in Dorchester on Jan. 24. The trip is offered to Arlington residents 60 years of age and

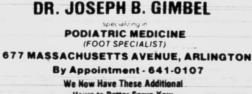
Transportation will be provided from Robbins Library to the Kennedy Library. Buses will leave Arlington at 10:15 a.m. and return to Arlington at 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the Kennedy Library. A \$2. fee is required for the cost of transportation.

Senior citizens who are interested in the trip should register at the Robbins Library in Arlington Center. All registration is limited and on a first come basis. The deadline for registration is









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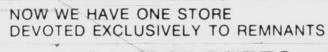
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DANCE -- Members of the Art of Black Dance and Music will perform Sunday at 3 at First Parish Church in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.

### Black Music Dance Program Is This Sunday

To honor Martin Luther King's birthday, the Arlington Civil Rights Committee and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church invite the Arlington community to a performance of The Art of Black Music and Dance at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Parish Church, 630 Mass, ave. There is ne admission charge for this special program.

"The Art of Black Music and Dance" is a versatile group of performers, choreographers and musicians who produce musical theater based on Old and New World Black cultures.

Audiences are shown how African music, song and dance relate to a way of life and how these cultural expressions are likened to other Afro-rooted traditions. Volunteers from the audience are able to participate as musicians and dancers in one part of the program.

Using traditional instruments. idlklore, crafts and rhythms as well as chants and dances from West Africa, the ensemble presents an exciting and meaningful program for audiences of all ages. Families with children are encouraged to attend.

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### 4 Robbery Arrests

### Two Charged After Car Theft, Chase

Police arrested two Dorchester men after a chase through Somerville early Tuesday that left three cruisers and two parked cars damaged

According to police, 18-year-old Joseph R. Williams of 6 Elder st. and 18year-old Edward R. Johnson of 39 Edison st. were seen stealing a 1974 Pontiac from Brattle drive shortly before 2 a.m. The owner phoned police, who spotted the car on Mystic Valley Parkway and gave chase down Alewife Brook Parkway and up Powderhouse boulevard in Somer-

Police say the car slowed down at the ntersection of Powderhouse and North street as if to stop, but then spun around and came back at the cruisers, crunching their fenders. Williams and Johnson were charged with operating a car authority, without possessing burglarious tools and for wanton destruction of personal property over \$100. Williams also was charged with driving without a license and assault and battery by operating to endanger.

Police Services Director John Carroll says a third man, thought to have been following the stolen car, is being sought.

There were no injuries in the incident, which Carroll estimates caused \$1,000 to \$2,000 in damage to the cruisers. He says police hope to recover the damages from the defendants.

Four Medford men were arrested in Medford for armed robbery early Sunday, shortly after they allegedly held up a man who was walking by the rotary at Medford street and Mystic Valley Park-

Arlington police were notified by the 20-year-old victim's neighbor, and pursued the suspects three blocks over the Medford line

### 4 Intersections To Be Discussed At Meeting 21st

A second public hearing to discuss traffic circulation improvements at four intersections will be held in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Jan. 21.

In November the first hearing was held on the intersections at Mass. and Lake, Mass. and Pleasant and Mystic. Mass. and Park, and Chestnut street. Sasaki Associates, traffic consultants, are working on the project with local and state officials who hope to get federal funds for the program.

At the Jan. 21 meeting the consultants are expected to present three alternative program is designed to promote positive plans for each of the intersections. Suggestions and comments from residents will be sought. This hearing had originally been scheduled for the 14.

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Arrested were Richard C. Pierce, 20, of 329 Riverside ave., Ricardo Moore, 22, of 140 Jerome st., Richard J. Taylor III. 18, of 34 Arlington st. and Isaac J. Molder III, 18, of 74 Arlington st.

A Somerville resident has been sentenced to up to 35 years at M.C.I. Walpole in connection with the armed robbery in May of the Suburban National Bank in East Arlington.

Michael Parenti-was found guilty Dec. 24 in Middlesex Superiour Court and was sentenced to 15 to 25 years for masked armed robbery, six to 10 additional years for armed assault with intent to murder

and four to five years concurrent with the other sentences for unlawful carrying of a firearm

In the chase following the robbery, Parenti turned and fired on police. Police recovered the \$25,000 in cash that had been stolen

Three drunken driving arrests were made this week: a 23-year-old Medford resident was arrested New Year's Day at Medford street and Mystic Valley Parkway, a 35-year-old Quincy resident was arrested Saturday at Medford street and Mass. ave. and a 35-year-old Woburn resident was arrested for drunken

driving last Thursday at 19 Mass. ave. Break-ins this week occurred at Nicod

street, Chatham street, Lake street, Mass. ave., Sheraton Park, Spy Pond Parkway, Summer street, Baker street and Webcowet road.

Tools were stolen from a crane behind the high school. Items were stolen from cars at Woodside lane. Hutchinson road the MBTA lot on Mass. ave., the Symmes Hospital lot and Paul Revere road.

Incidents of vandalism occurred on Windsor street, Mass. ave., Oakland avenue, Walnut street, Greenwood road and Winter street.

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### **Dance Auditions Are This Weekend**

Arlington junior and senior high school dancers are invited to audition for leading roles in Adventures in Music's March concert featuring Aaron 'opland's "El Salon Mexico.

Auditions will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. at Clark Junior High School, Stedman road Lexington. Prepared pieces are not necessary. Children in grades 3 to 6 will audition next month.

The choreography will be by Lois Hoffman and Arlington resident Karen Mahoney. The orchestra will be condueted by Newton Wayland.

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Jan. 14, hot dog and bun. potato puffs, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 15, no school.

Jan. 16. milk Jan. 17, hamburger and roll, potato puffs, chifled fruit fluff, milk.

Jan. 18, cheese pizza, juice, dy-no-mite bar, milk.

Junior High

Daily: a choice of pizza. cold cut subs, tuna rolls, assorted sandwiches and chef's salad.

Today's special will be as follows:

Jan. 14. cheese manicotti, tomato sauce. peas or shredded lettuce or fruit, milk Jan. 15, no school.

Jan. 16, hamburger in a bun, french fried potatoes ER - Just right for your small bak-ing jobs. Tapered bottom or lettuce and tomato slices

or fruit, milk. Jan. 17, meatball sub, tossed salad, or truit or

juice, milk Jan. 18, variety day, also shredded lettuce or fruit or juice, milk

Senior High

Daily: a choice of pizza, cold cut subs. tuna rolls. assorted sandwiches and chef's salad. Today's special will be as

follows: 14. Jan. cheese manicotti, tomato sauce. Jan. 15. no school.

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Jan. 17, meatball sub. Jan- 18, variety day

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### **Collins' Corner** by Leonard Collins



Thin Ice

Many nice Christmas presents have been opened, but with the wonderful non-winter weather we have one presumes some of them are still "brand new" as this has been a most unusual skating, coasting and winter sports winter. The writer has received a request from a few parents to write about a sad accident that happened in Arlington on Dec. 28, 1953, at Hills Pond. Here is a column written on this page which will tell all that they be very careful as they try out their skates until they are sure that the ice is very safe. So the following was written in this column in 1972, and with such fine weather now it might be nice to repeat the same:

The date is Dec. 28, 1953, and that is 19 years ago today. It was a Sunday morning and all the hockey and skating enthusiasts of our town were out enjoying the chance to take advantage of their Christmas presents, which in most cases were a pair of skates and a hockey stick. The pond was Hills, at Menotomy Rocks Park, and without any warning the ice caved in and about 20 skaters were floundering in the icy waters.

That morning hundreds of people on the ice, and the shore, witnessed with a shudder, this tragedy out there on the pond. Over 20 men and children were struggling to save themselves from drowning. There were so many acts of heroism that one cannot really give proper credit to all. Sadly, the only one who perished was Billy Tate, age 16, who lived a few doors down the street on Highland avenue from the writer. His dad, an Edison worker, was killed five

years prior while working on a pole.

The Arlington police and firefighters did tremendous service during this tragedy that could have taken many more lives. There were many heroes that day. Names that come to mind were Peter Cooney, Tom Burnham, Eddie Baxter, and Bob Lavery who came very close to be another victim. He and John Travers and William Gray were hospitalized. Treated and released were Richard DeCaprio, John DeCaprio, George Limerick, Peter Cooney, Michael O'Keefe, Peter Lally, and Thomas Loftus. It was very cold and the efforts of all were tremendous, and many members of our Police and Fire Departments will never forget that fateful day.

It's an odd fact that over the years parents were happy to see their kids skating on Hills Pond instead of Spy or the Mystic Lakes, where so many drownings had occurred. No, they would say, go to Hills' it is safe, and the writer, who skated there for years, never knew a person could drown in that nice little body of water in the valley. It was known at one time to be the first place to freeze over, and a family named Snow, who lived near the pond, would receive a call from the Harvard coach, asking how things were up in the little pond, and if it was O.K. the Harvard varsity would come up and get ready for their season.

Outdoor hockey was the "arena" at that time, and Mother Nature was in charge of the surface. Our high school teams played many games there and it might be mentioned that that type of ice was very fast, and if you didn't have side boards the puck would go miles especially on Spy Pond on beautiful black ice. (Yes, indeed, ice in those days was black unless the writer was so cold it looked black because he was blue with the cold.)

Well, we have come out of the wintry winds and are now playing our games in comfort, but not in Arlington because we have never had a rink where our high school could play. We still have to go over to Boston, and play at the Boston Arena, because our Town Meeting Members and our Finance Committee have for over half a century refused to provide a place where our high school teams could play

So, Folks, check carefully the ice conditions in town before trying out those new skates and hockey sticks. Or go to our rink on Summer

even when outside sources were willing to finance the rink.

### Ask The Ombudsman

A forum to discuss questions of citizen interest received by town officials or the Community Ombudsman. Refer your questions to Don Cohen, Ombudsman, at 646-1775.

Q. Why has there been so much airplane noise over Arlington lately? Has there been a change in flight patterns?

A. The Massport Noise Abatement Office verifies the fact that planes taking off from Logan Airport have been flying over Arlington more frequently during the last few weeks. The Massport spokesman explained that strong northwest winter winds make it necessary to use a runway that sends planes over Cambridge, Somerville, and Arlington. These winds prevail from mid-December through February and Arlington residents notice more airplane noise during this period. The spokesman said that Massport is aware of the noise problem and the runway is used as little as possible only when safety considerations require it.

Q. What are Arlington's regulations regarding the putting out of refuse?

A. A town regulation specifies that refuse should not be put out earlier than 7 a.m. of the day of collection. It is a common, accepted practice, though, for residents to put out their garbage the evening before, since the collection time can be quite early in the morning.

Refuse put out earlier than the night before makes streets unsightly and can be a source of problems. If the trash is out for any length of time, plastic garbage bags tend to get ripped by dogs and garbage ends up all over the street. When the police receive a compalint about trash put out several days before collection they will require that it be removed from the sidewalk until the appropriate time.

### **Man About Town**

We have a nice police story to relate this week. A resident who was upset about the disappearance of her 17-year-old dog Monday night wanted to convey her thanks to Officer Henry Poole for his consideration. The officer joined her in looking through the neighborhood and then drove around the Wachusett avenue area with his spotlight. Michelle was reunited with her owner on Wednesday after following a child walking her dog home on Tuesday.

If this is the year you decided to educate yourself, now is the time. Adult and skills courses are offered at Minuteman Tech and Middlesex Community College. The Arlington Adult Ed. program still has some openings and is letting students sign up the first night of classes. Photography, knowing wines, key punch and stained glass are popular classes which still have room for more students.

A sharp-eyed reader says the pie in the Dec. 20 budget story is not cut right. The pie showing town appropriations has the right percentages attributed to major municipal expenditures, but the sections of the pie were not in the proper proportion. So, to review town spending: education takes 51 percent of the total appropriations, a little more than half a pie. The next largest chunk is for community safety, 16 percent, or 57.6 percent of the remainder of the pie. In the drawing this piece was the same size as insurance and pensions which are 8 percent of the town's appropriations. Other major items are public works, 10 percent; properties and natural resources, 3 percent; debt service, 3 percent; human resources, 3 percent; libraries, 2 percent; planning and community development, 1 percent; and general administration, 3 percent.

Rep. Mary Jane Gibson wants residents concerned with financing postsecondary education to know about a toll-free holline which is available. The number is 1-800-882-2037. In January the hours will be Monday through Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. After Feb. 1 the hours will be 9 to 5 week days. The hotline is run by the Mass. Assn. of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Mass. Board of Higher Education. Advice about federal, state and private programs will be available.

If you thought you could pick up some free firewood from the MDC reservations, better not. The Sept. 1-Dec. 31 woodgathering by permit is over, and the MDC police are cracking down on wood poachers. Information on getting a permit for the next time woodgathering is allowed is available from the MDC office at 20 Somerset st., Boston.

The Legislative Office of the Mass. Municipal Assn. has rated state legislators on their votes in the 1979 session on such issues as tax caps, local aid funding and binding arbitration. In an accompanying press release the association notes that it was a good year for local government as more local aid came in and tax cap legislation was re-shaped to allow local governments to continue providing services. "The big question for the 1980 session in view of the state's own fiscal problems will be the rolling back of state mandated costs that impact local tax rates.'

Representatives were rated on 10 bills which were felt to be important to cities and towns: delay of town meeting in order to learn more about the tax cap, extension of the Joint Labor-Management Committee and elimination of automatic binding arbitration for police and fire, the 4 percent tax cap, four-fifths vote by city council or town meeting to amend school budgets, the state budget with \$166 million for local aid, a local option amendment to provide punishment duty for a policeman or fireman with his consent, a local option amendment to appoint children of policemen and firemen killed on duty to police and fire jobs, insurance payments for some special education costs, an override of the Governor's veto of \$17 million for indigents at hospitals, a lottery for the arts which may undercut local revenues from the lottery.

According to the tally Rep. John Cusack voted the way the municipal association favored four times and did not vote once. Rep. Mary Jane Gibson voted the "right" way for the municipalities eight times. She and Cusack voted the same way on six of the bills.

The senators were rated on five bills: the arts lottery, zero tax cap, extension of coverage under the heart and lung diseases bill, amendment of school budgets by two-thirds vote, and increased local aid from \$50 million to \$303 million. Sen. Sam Rotondi voted the way the municipal association favored two of the five times. In that tally only one senator did any better, by voting with the municipalities three times. In the House two reps voted all the way with the municipalities and three others were with them on all but

Nineteen legislators held a press conference to announce their support for Sen. Edward Kennedy for President. Among the early supporters were Rotondi and Cusack.

### Clerk's Bulletin Board

Pupil Personnel Sub-Committee, School Committee, 8:30 p.m., Jan. 10, Central School

Town Meeting Committee to Advise Assessors on Computers and Revaluation in support of their objectives, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 10, Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Assessors, 7 p.m., Jan. 14, Town Hall. Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., Jan. 14, Town

Hall Redevelopment Board, 7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Jan. 15.

Jan. 14, Town Hall Annex. Council on Aging, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14, Jarvis House, Pleasant street.

Housing Authority, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14, Winslow st.

Operation and Maintenance Sub-Committee, School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14, Central School Policies and Procedures Sub-

o Committee, School Committee, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14, Supt. Conference Room, Maple street.

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### To The Editor

Letters to the editor on any subject of interest to Arlington residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. All letters must be signed with name and address. The name may be withheld on request Deadline is 4

#### Right On Red

TO THE EDITOR:

Living in Arlington for the past six years has been an enjoyable experience, but my opinion of the state of Massachusetts has dropped considerably with the recently enacted right on red

How many of our taxpayer dollars are being wasted to circumvent a law which was instituted to save energy dollars?

Perhaps growing up in California has shaded my opinion, but your system of rotaries takes considerable more skill to maneuver than the simple task of stopping at a red light, checking for vehicles and crossing pedestrians, then proceeding with your right turn.

Police Director John Carroll stated in the Jan. 3 issue of The Boston Globe that 'We don't see any area where we could allow the right turn," but one that comes to my mind immediately is the corner of Summer street and Mill street.

A sign was still posted prohibiting a turn although it is not a through intersection. I'm sure there are many more situations identical to Mill and Summer streets. The state has only cut off it's nose to spite it's face and I resent having to pay for it three times over; once in energy dollars, second by money spent to put up the "no turn' signs, and third to take down 75 percent of those signs when the state comes to its senses. Give us some credit for our in-

Sandy Booth

EDITOR'S NOTE: The state Executive Office of Transportation and Construction has dictated that right turns on red should be prohibited where any of the following conditions exist: more than four approaches to the intersection; where a railroad or fire preemption exists; where there is an exclusive pedestrian phase; where a crosswalk is regularly used by children in grades below grade seven on their route to or from school; where there would be a conflict with arrow indications; and where a left turn can be made immediately after right turn on movement has been completed

#### **Pro-Abortion**

TO THE EDITOR:

The idea of another so-called "prolife" dance to be held soon in Arlington is appalling. Denying women the right to , choose abortion is nothing to dance about or celebrate.

All methods of birth control, including sterilization, sometimes fail, and all women are potential victims of an unplanned rape. Not allowing women the choice of abortion through legal, religious or economic restrictions synonymous with forced pregnancy.

Anti-choice groups are working to prohibit abortion even if the woman would die or be seriously harmed by childbirth...even if the woman would have a child with severe brith defectwoman were a victim of rape or incest...even though millions of unwanted children are abused physically or psychologically during childhood.

Abortion is a difficult and agonizing decision. But it must be an individual

Opinion polls show that 83 percent of Massachusetts residents favor the right to choose safe, legal abortion. If you are pro-choice, let your state senators and representatives know about it on Jan. 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, by coming to the State House and telling them that you vote, too.

For further information on the lobeffort, contact MORAL (Massachusetts Organization for Repeal of Abortion Laws), 14 Beacon st., Boston, or call 742-8667.

Eileen Roche

### Fire Victim

TO THE EDITOR:

On Dec. 28 I had a fire in my house on Forest street. Fortunately, no one was injured and I shall alwyas be grateful to the Arlington Fire Division for the speed at which they responded to the fire and the efficiency while putting the fire out.

I am convinced the damage would have been much more extensive had they not responded so quickly. I observed most of the operation from the street and was impressed with the speed and efficient manner of the officers and men involved.

When I was allowed into the house, the officers and men I had occasion to speak to were very kind and solicitous. Men were mopping up water in my kitchen and had containers in the other rooms catching water to prevent further damage to the rugs.

As anyone who has ever watched a fire knows, it is a frightening sight and it is comforting to know that Arlington has such a dedicated, well-trained firefighting unit. I don't know all of the men who were there at my house that night but I would like to use your medium to publicly thank them for what they did for me and my family.

Perhaps the one small thing that personifies what I am trying to say happened when the firefighters were leaving my house. One of them handed me a wet, dirty, crumpled up old 10 dollar bill he had found on the floor of the bedroom involved in the fire. It belonged to my 9-year-old daughter. She was impressed with this act of honesty and kindness and, whoever you are, so was I.

Robert F. Johnson

### **Bike Safety**

TO THE EDITOR:

If the police along Massachusetts avenue enforced the law, bicycle riding would become 100 percent safer, whether an official bicycle lane were established or not. No attempt is ever made to curb literally - the double parkers which clutter the avenue, especially at commuter hours.

The wide roadway and strip commercial development, particularly in East Arlington, encourages every bread truck, coffee 'go-for' and delivery van to pull up and stop in the traffic lane, with no attempt to park.

Bicycle commuters, such as myself, must pull around into the passing lane, where we do not belong. Police patrols and warnings, which I have never ob-served, should be sufficient; if not, tickets should be issued.

Store owners and customers may be inconvenienced, but Massachusetts avenue's traffic lanes are for traffic. especially at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Police, do your duty, please.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Martin Cohn

#### A Tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

Even though we wrote a thank you letter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowes for a perfect Christmas, I feel compelled to

rite again. What I did not know last week was that Mrs. Bowes celebrated her birthday the day before, Christmas Eve. She celebrated it by spending the entire day baking four homemade apple pies and two large trays of brownies for our

Even more important is the fact that, while she was greeting us, seating us, serving us and making us feel warm and wanted, she never let us know what was

in her heart. Only she knew that her mother was dying in the hospital. Her mother passed away two days later.

A very, very special accolade to a wonderful and gracious lady

Lou Kamp **Winslow Towers** EDITOR'S NOTE: The dinner referred to is one which Mr. and Mrs. Bowes started last year for residents who would be alone on Christmas. They invite these people to join them at the Elks home for Christmas. We hope the community will keep this spirit of sharing and the dinner as a tradition for years to come.

### Bike Lanes

TO THE EDITOR: As another year comes to an end, fuel

prices have been climbing and more ncreases are foreseen. Much is being done to alleviate the dependence on oil and great effort is going into cutting down gasoline consumption. Commuting by bicycle is one way some have gotten away from their cars. Unfortunately, bicycling is hampered by the lack of regard for bicyclists by motorists and public officials.

In 1978, the Town Meeting propriated money to place a bicycle lane on Mass. ave. The bicycle lane was initiated by the Arlington Bikeways Committee which submitted a 22-page proposal to the Town Meeting. Since that time the lane has not been placed because the MDPW refuses to give its: approval, one reason given that the engineer who approves it would be held liable for any accidents.

Now, the Dept. of Community Safety has recommended that the lanes not be placed due to safety reasons. There are, of course, safety problems associated with the placement of bike lanes on a main road such as Mass. ave., but the. safety hazards that the bicyclist now faces, which could be reduced by bike . lanes, are much greater than risks introduced by the placement of lanes.

Bicycling can be a great way to get around, but like anything, it is not for everyone. Yet it could be for many more than presently bicycle regularly if only it . was made much safer and more enjoyable. Many people are working to achieve that goal, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy. However, it is depressing when the people who could institute the necessary changes are unwilling to accept anything contrary to the belief in the dominance of the automobile and ignorant of not only the needs, but the legal rights of the bicyclists of this state. Hopefully this new year will bring

forth more progress in the direction of safe bicycling, more than likely in spite of the efforts (or lack of effort) of some individuals who cannot see outside of their cards. This spring, when the weather is warm 9nce again, try a bike. You may be surprised. Richard Macchi

61 Newcomb St.

### Thank Police

TO THE EDITOR:

Letter of Thanks to the Arlington Police Patrolmen's Assn.:

I would like to take this opportunity, in behalf of all the members of Teen Center II, to thank you for your very generous donation to their recent Christmas buffet and square dance. Teen Center II is a group of teenagers

and young adults with special needs who meet once per month at the VFW half for square dancing and much needed socializing.

Your support gave them a night they will long remember.

Gratefully your Helen F. Hugh

### To The Editor

**Hospital Thanks** 

TO THE EDITOR:

We are so caught up in our own ac-tivities and our own families at Christmas that although we're aware there are those for whom it is a lonely time, we fail to do anything to help them. "I should" or "I will next year" are good but meaningless intentions.

Christmas is also a hectic time for businesses. We can't blame them for wanting to make as much money as they cah; it is, after all, a busy and a profitable time of year.

'The weekend before Christmas this year, one of Arlington's busiest, businessmen found time to care and to do something about it. Assuming there are patients at Symmes Hospital who would be alone and without any reminders of how joyous the season can be, Mr. Scott, of Scott Flowers, took numerous lovely poinsettias to the hospital for distribution to patients who, he said, might be in need of some cheer in their rooms

An Arlington woman who might have been otherwise occupied with making things for her own family crocheted 92 snowflakes' for Christmas dinner trays. In the past, she has made Santa Clauses, or little snowmen, each fashioned of thoughtfulness and put together with

When the nurses accepted these gifts for their patients, they were delighted, especially those on one floor where there are a number of long-term elderly patients. But it was the patients themselves whose profound gratitude that someone remembered who would have been a Christmas message for us all. Memories of Christmases Past were transformed into smiles for Christmas

A sincere thank-you to them both and to others in Arlington for their thoughtfulness and consideration for their fellow man. The community is the richer because of them.

Sincerely, Anne Scigliano Director Community Relations and Development

#### Town Plan

TO THE EDITOR:

The current planning document used by the town is the Arlington Center-Mill Brook Valley Plan of 1975. Such a comprehensive plan, required for obtaining HUD funds, is used for guiding redevelopment activities.

The plan outlines two major objectives for utilizing Arlington: expanded transportation and expanded housing. It plans that some 10,000 more people would be commuting through here and some 10,000 more people would be provided housing here. Needless to say, few of either group are now living here.

To accomplish these objectives, the plan and its related MAPC documents would employ the regional transportation planning powers and the permit-granting authority of the redevelopment board. Commercial firms along Mass. ave. would be encouraged to 'cluster'' into a few "nodes" such as at the Center or the Heights areas.

The evacuated sites of the firms displaced (or destroyed) by this pitiful process would then be encouraged for redevelopment into higher density housing tracts. The widening, channelization, etc. of streets and the banishto allow traffic through Arlington to flow

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The rationale for this strategy, as argued by the autocrats of professional planning, is that society is served best by redeveloping most of our Mass. ave. area for the intensified uses of public transportation and housing.

Also is the point pressed that "higher density residential housing will increase viability of public transportation."(!!!) One wonders how many town citizens and businessmen would ever consider this exploitation as

Such treatment would traumatize even the most typical of towns. But for untypical Arlington the strategy is tantamount to torture terminating in interment because:

1) we already have the highest population density of any town in the state or even the city of Boston,

2) we are likely the only town in metro-Boston undergoing a falling percapita real income,

3) we are already doing far too much for the commuter-polluter crowd who would exploit Arlington with MBTA tax assessments, parking facilities, access roads, etc., and

4) the town has one of the area's most meager business taxbases, only five percent, with lamentably little land vailable to increase it.

Since the time when the plan was incorporated into our new zoning bylaw of 1975, the citizens and Town Meeting have taken numerous grassroots actions in opposing the basic objectives of the plan. Despite foot-dragging by many reluctant officials in dealing with the MBTA, the voters overwhelmingly rejected the planners' concept that the Redline would mean a better business climate and quality of life for Arlington.

Also with overwhelming majorities and over the objections of many town officials, several Town Meetings have modified the zoning bylaw to tone down plans for high-density highrises. Lately, recent shifts in sentiment by some of the town leadership indicate a strong interest in correcting Arlington's businessbarren taxbase.

Clearly, the current planning document used by the town is as outdated as it is outrageous and any who now support it are either being deceived or deceitful. The plan, as well as associated MAPC plans, should be either radically revised or rejected outright through official actions.

Our policymakers should instruct the head of MAPC that the town is not to be treated as a laboratory for experimenting urbanologists nor as a convenient disposal for congestion not wanted by our neighboring communities. It must be emphasized that, whereas Arlington has just created a new post for economic development, the jamming-in of commuter traffic and new housing along Mass. ave. means simply economic

After several years of grassroots rejection of the town plan's objectives, it is high time that the leadership officially reject it before we are called upon to fulfill the ominous promises within its

> H.H. Seward, TMM, Pct. 13

### Thank Police

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to thank the Arlington police for their quick response to an emergency ment of on-street parking would be done call to 1265 Mass, ave. Thank you again.

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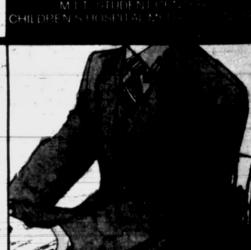
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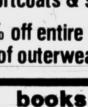
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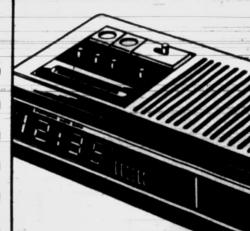
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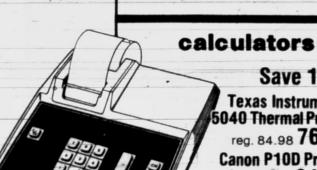




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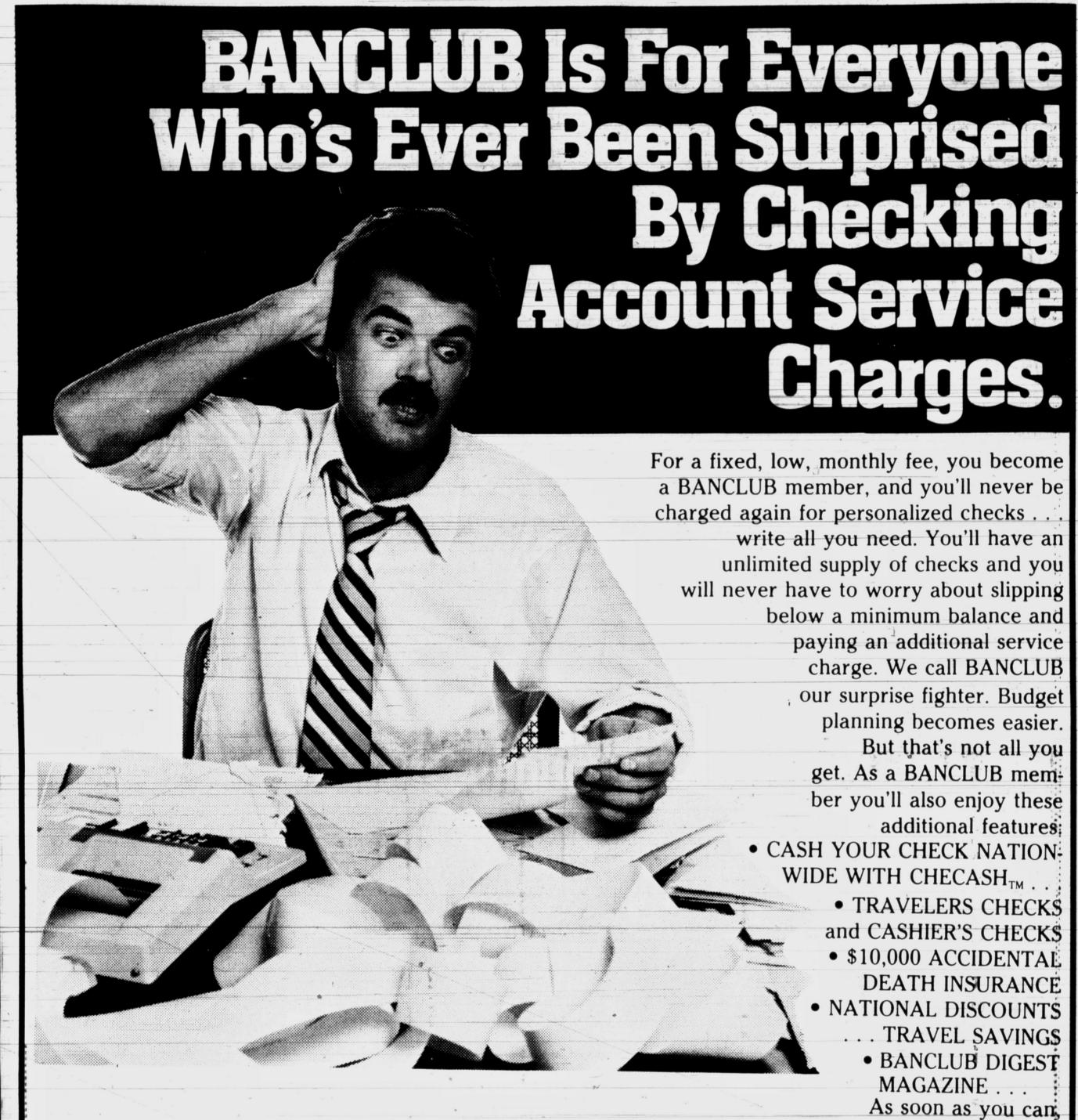
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By The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts

Introduction

In one-third of the communities in Massachusetts, the drinking water is contaminated by hazardous materials. Other communities have imposed watering bans and conservation measures because water supply is low. "Safe drinking water" is an issue that is

more and more in the headlines.
The time is approaching — if not already here — when we must act to assure safe drinking water. But how? Shall we just move on to get clean water existing supplies?

Shall we stretch out what clean water We have with conservation measures? Do we, in fact, have ample water and just need to allocate it more wisely? What governments play? And what is the role reuse of the citizen?

Because safe drinking water cannot e assured without urgently needed atention to the problems, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has prepared and the local LWV has submitted a series of four articles to examine how our drinking water supply has gotten to its present crisis situation and some solutions which have been proposed.

The first of these articles, on water quantity problems, follows. Next there will be an article on the problems of water quality, followed by articles on the Northfield Diversion and on water conservation, political and citizen action.

Ray Ouellette and Jack Bowler of Arlington's Public Works Department have long been aware of the value of water as a resource and as a cost to the

\* In 1972 Arlington, which is part of the MDC system, undertook a water leak detection program which used a portable electronic listening device to find underground leaks without the need to do excavating until they are pinpointed for

The program has been successful. Per capita daily water consumption went from 131 gallons in 1972 to 98, a reduction of 25 percent. Since 1971 the town has saved approximately \$145,000 a year in water that would have been wasted through leaks.

Town Manager Donald Marquis has efforts to conserve water and has en-couraged the department to be innovative. In keeping with this, the DPW more reliable T service.

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has applied to the MDC for funds for a water quality demonstration project which would involve flushing of water pipes to remove sedimentation and

The town hopes to be eligible for \$500,000 in new state funds which have been earmarked for repair and rehabilitation of water distribution systems, but since the funds are matching and the guidelines have not been prepared, it is not known yet if Arlington's earlier work will help qualify the town for these funds.

Water Supply: Quantity

An estimated 1,300 billion gallons per from another site as we have done in the day (BGD) of surface water is available past? Shall we or can we decontaminate in the continental United States. In addition, a potentially very large ground water resource is still undefined. The Water Resources Council (a federal agency) has estimated that 355 BGD is withdrawn each day, but only 111 BGD is role must the federal, state, and local consumed. The remainder is returned for

Considering the figures, one may ask,

### **Board Receives** Answers To Two MBTA Notations

Selectmen have received a reply to a letter to Gov. Edward King in connection with the increase in MBTA costs and the support of a fare increase

The board at a December meeting discussed the matter relative to the emergency takeover of the MBTA by the Governor and their concern relative to the substantial increase of costs which the Advisory Board had not approved.

In a letter to Gov. King at that time the Selectmen noted that in view of the action taken, they felt that the state should fund the additional costs in excess of the funding level approved by the Advisory Board to operate the MBTA.

A letter from Barry Locke, Executive Secretary of Transportation and Construction, in answer to the board's letter advised that the cost of the service required to keep the T running after the Advisory Board refused to act in the

matter cannot be borne by the state. Selectmen, in their letter, indicated their support of a fare increase in order to have a more realistic user fee for the services rendered by the MBTA.

The letter from Locke noted that been supportive of the department's relative to a fare increase, he feels that one is near so that provision can be made for an adequate funding base to insure

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"If we have so much water, why the fuss about supply?" The principal answer to the nationwide problem is location. About 50 percent of the total supply is east of the Mississippi River, 20 percent is in the rather small area of the Pacific Northwest, and the rest of the country shares the remaining 30 percent.

In addition, water use has increased markedly. Between 1900 and 1970 our population increased 2.5 times, but per capita water use increased 3.5 times. Add to these problems the increase use of chemicals, pesticides, hazardous materials of all kinds, and the pressure of development encroaching on watersheds, and you have not only a national picture but a microcosm of Massachusetts.

Although Massachusetts receives an average of 43 inches of rainfall a year and by all yardsticks is a water-rich state, concern about water shortages has increased in the last decade. Because Massachusetts has been perceived to have an abundance of water, the water has been used excessively. It has been regarded as a "free good," and few if any efforts have been made to conserve except in times of drought.

Additionally, settlement patterns have developed without regard to water supply. The population is clustered in the eastern coastal area and the free-flowing streams are in the north central and western areas, especially in the Merrimack and Connecticut River

Ground water sources in the east have been limited in quantity and now are limited severly by quality problems. In the west where acreage has been available for surface water impoundments (dam-formed lakes) and natural lakes and ponds abound, problems of road salt, viruses, bacteria, and turbidity are rendering these impoundments suspect. (See the League's second article on water.)

Recharge management is not readily practiced Massachusetts. The balance between the water withdrawn, water diverted out of the area by sewage treatment plants, for example), and the amount of runoff from blacktop areas, paved roads, houses, etc., has not been a serious concern of water managers

Consequently, water levels in wells drop, salt intrudes, reservoirs refill too slowly, and towns and cities find themselves with a "water problem." Because water supply has been primarily a local responsibility in Massachusetts, too frequently those in not been named.

background to anticipate and deal with potential water problems. Nor have planning boards regularly considered the effect of development on the water supply.

Some very farsighted water managers called for the construction of Quabbin Reservoir early in this century, and it was developed in the 1940's. However, such a response to water demands is no longer possible because of lack of land area and, more importantly, because of an increased awareness of the rights of resident populations.

Flood skimming of the Connecticut River or diversion from the Millers River system and the Merrimack River have been suggested as ways to increase the water supply to eastern Massachusetts. These suggestions will be discussed in the League's third article. But such diversions will not aid Massachusetts cities and towns whose water supply has become contaminated. Next week's article will address problems on drinking

### New Personnel **Board Named**

The town's new Personnel Review and Appeals Board has been named, and Town Manager Donald R. Marquis has suggested that Selectmen should convene the board as soon as possible.

Sixteen classification requests have been received this year, and Marquis feels that they should be reviewed as soon as possible.

The Manager suggested that one general article be inserted this year instead of inserting separate articles. He said the article would be an open one. Marquis feels that by having one general article instead of 16 the board and the director of Personnel would have the opportunity to go over all the requests which may not be discussed at Town Meeting until as late as June.

Requests for classification must be submitted by Oct. 1.

The members of the new Personnel Review and Appeals Board include Diane Hall, 25 Kilsythe rd. and Russell Eckel, 197 Jason st. appointed by the Town Manager; James Doyle, 27 Cherokee rd., appointed by the Town Moderator and Stephen Dolan, 9 Ernest rd., of the Public Works Dept. and Emilio Rosselli,14 Lake st., of the Fire Division who were elected by the town employees. A Director has

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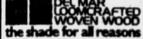
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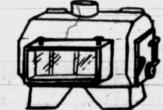
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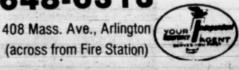
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By Glenn Fratto

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By reading and heeding the following suggestions you can lessen the effects of energy crisis. Though you may dislike the current fuel oil situation, you have no choice but to live with it. Suggestions are broken into five categories: living in a cooler environment, preparing your home, a home emergency kit, enjoying the cold out-doors, and treatment for cold weather exposure. Most of the information provided in this article has been taken from Department of Energy pamphlets: 1. Living in a cooler environment. If our house is without heat because of malfunctioning equipment or lack of fuel, or if you simply have to lower your thermostat to keep your home heated longer, here are some helpful tips on how remain comfortable.

\*Be prepared. Have hats, gloves, long underwear, extra blankets, etc., ready in

ase they are needed.

Keep your thermostat down, near 65 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at ight or whenever the house is unoccupied. The less fuel you use, the less you will have to pay for. However, tolerance of low temperatures and resistence to winter's illnesses does depend on the body's general state of health. Some ederly and very young children may have special problems in dealing with cool temperatures, and their physicians should be contacted before lowering thermostats drastically.

Dress warmly and wear a hat. Several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single layer of thick clothing. The air trapped between layers acts as insulation. And don't feel strange about wearing a hat in the house, especially when sleeping. The body loses between 50 percent and 75 percent of its heat through the head.

Eat well-balanced, nutritious meals. Nutritious food (fruits, nuts, meat, cheese, etc.) allows the body to product its own heat efficiently. Non-nutritious food (junk food and empty calories) do the body little good if its trying to keep

2. Preparing your home. Your home should be as prepared for winter as you e. Here are some things you can do to protect your home, save on fuel bill, and stay relatively comfortable.

\*Insulate your house. Make it airtight to keep heat in and cold air out. It is not too late to caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors, or to simply cover them with a sheet of plastic or blankets. Robbins Library has many sources of information on how to sinulate further, so

Have some type of emergency heatring equipment available. This way you can keep at least one room warm if your furnace is not working. A fireplace with an ample supply of wood is, of course, excellent. Woodstoves and space heaters are other possibilities. But be careful! Whatever type of heating equipment you use, use it safely in order to prevent fire or dangerous fumes.

Keep pipes from freezing. Wrap the

pipes in insulation made especially for water pipes, or in layers of old newspapers. If pipes start to freeze, open faucets wide and contact your plumber immediately

3. Home Emergency Kit. When a winter storm strikes or extra-cold weather lingers for long periods, certain items and information are indespensible. In an emergency situation, or even under normal circumstances, you should have a home emergency kit at hand. A good kit will contain the following:

Phone numbers you can dial for help.
(A comprehensive list of emergency and information numbers appears in this week's Advocate). Keep this list handy. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance if the situation starts to get out of control. There are plenty of people very willing to

Emergency food and water. Again, nutritious foods are most valuable.

A battery operated radio and extra batteries. This will enable you to hear weather forecasts, emergency information and advice broadcasts even if

you are without electricity Flashlight and extra batteries, or candles and matches.

First aid supplies and extra medicine as may be required by family members. Extra blankets or sleeping bags.

4. Enjoying the cold outdoors. People who are outside in low temperatures and strong winds tire easily and, because of rapid cooling of exposed surfaces, become more susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. A strong wind, combined with a temperature slightly above freezing, can have the same effect as a still-air temperature nearly 50 degrees

If you must go outside observe the following safety measures:

Avoid overexertion. Cool weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile or even walking too fast or too far, you risk damaging your body.

Dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered, lightweight wool clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellant. Wear a wool hat. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves - they allow your fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep your hands much warmer

Watch for frostbite and other symptoms of cold-weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of nose, ear lobes. If such symptoms are detected, get medical attention immediately. Do not rub with snow or ice - this does not help the condition and, m in fact, will make it worse. The best treatment for frostbite is the rapid rewarming of the affected

Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol causes the body to lose its heat more rapidly - even though one may feel warmer after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Keep yourself and your clothes dry. Change wet socks and all other wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat

5. Treatment for cold weather ex-

posure. When the body begins to lose heat aster than it can product it, a condition called hypothermia begins to develop The symptoms become very apparent, and include uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech, memory lapses, fumbling hands, frequent stumbling, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion.

If a person shows any signs of overexposure to cold or wet and windy weather, take the following measures even if the person claims to be in no difficulty. Often the person will not realize the seriousness of the situation.

Get the person into dry clothing and into a warm bed or sleeping bag with a hot water bottle (which should actually be only warm to the touch, not hot), warm towels, heating pad, or some other such heat source.

Concentrate heat on the trunk of the body first - that is, the shoulders, chest

Keep the head low and the feet up to get warm blood circulating to the head. Give the person warm drinks. Never give the person alcohol,

sedatives, tranquilizers or pain relievers, they only slow down body processes even Keep the person quiet. Do not jostle,

massage or rub. If symptoms are extreme, call for medical assistance immediately.

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The second week of the "Senior Film Festival 80" Takes place Jan. 17 at the Fox Branch Library, sponsored by the Fox-y Folks Senior Group.

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Selectman chairman Robert Havern and Towne House Restaurant owner Carmen DeGuglielmo show off the town's first restaurant liquor license. Towne House plans downstairs renovation for a function room and is serving liquor with meals now. Joining them are Chamber of Commerce representatives Cindy Andrews and Gretchen George, Selectmen Robert Walsh and William Grannan and Diana Dell of the Chamber of Commerce.

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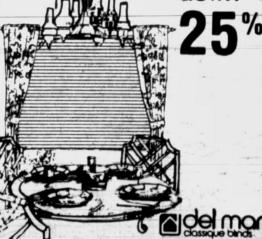
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### For Youths, Adults

### Fidelity House Has Varied Activities

following activities:

Adult Coed Volleyball-There will be a meeting and draft for all interested players on Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Fidelity House. The cost for the league is a \$15 membership.

Dance Lessons-Fidelity House began

### **School Reuse** To Be Aired This Monday

Representatives of key town agencies will meet with the Redevelopment Board Monday at 8 p.m at the Town Hall planning office to discuss school closings Town needs for the Cutter School which will close at the end of this year, and Locke, which will close next year, will be discussed by representatives from the Selectmen, Town Manager, School Committee, Housing Authority, Park and Recreation Commission. Council on Aging, Historical Commission, Library Trustees, Youth Services Board and Finance Committee.

Planning director Alan McClennen says the purpose of the meeting will be to find out if any of these groups have need for the school space. Results of a survey of space needs which was sent to town agencies and 120 organizations will be reviewed.

McClennen said the agencies will explore ways in which the conflicts between variouards can be resolved when the reuse of the schools is decided. He said it was apparent from the neighborhood meeting at Locke School that playground space and parking will be issues in both neighborhoods, and that multiple uses might be found for the

On Jan. 28 the Redevelopment Board will hold its first meeting in the Cutter School district

Fidelity House has scheduled the another 10-week session of dance lessons on Tuesday; however, it is not too late to sign up. Cost of the 10-week course is \$15 per student. Teacher is Steve White.

The following classes are offered: 6 to disco I, 7 to 8 line dancing, 8 to 9 ballroom, 9 to 10 disco I.

Registrations may be made daily from 9 to 5 at Fidelity House.

Adult Men's league (Basketball)-will start today. The league will consist of 12 games plus playoffs. The cost will be a \$15 membership plus \$15 league fees and \$4 for a game shirt which will remain the player's property.

Grade School Ceramics-will begin on Jan. 17 and 18. Grades 1-4 from 3 to 4 p.m. \$4 plus greenware-starts Jan. 17; Grades 5-6 from 4:30 to 5:30. \$5 plus greenware starts Jan. 17; Grades 7-12 from 7 to 9 p.m. \$7 plus greenware starts Jan 18. Arts and crafts-for grade school members will be offered on Tuesday,

### Adults' Ballet Will Be Taught At Boys' Club

Adult ballet instruction will be given at the Arlington Boys' Club. Classes will start on Jan. 24, meeting from 6:45-7:45 p.m. for eight weeks. Registration in the program is open to both members and non-members from all communities.

The class will offer an introduction to formal ballet technique as well as increased self-discipline and body awareness for the beginning student. It will prove to be a form of specialized exercise with emphasis on suppleness, muscle tone and smooth motion.

Gerald Schneider, formerly director of the Cambridge Ballet School, will direct the program. Interested persons may sign up at the club any time daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturdays, 9 to 5. There is a registration fee for the program which must be paid at the time of sign up.

Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 to 6 and Saturdays from 9 to 4:45. Instructor will be Gloria Cooke. A variety of creative projects will be offered. Items will cost from 10 cents to 50 cents.

Floor Hockey-for 5th-8th graders will start on Saturday with an exhibition game. There will be no charge for playing. Deadline for signups will be

### Jaycees Honor Mrs. Norma Walsh

The Arlington Jaycees presented the third annual Brud Faulkner Award to Norma Walsh. She received the award for her involvement and dedication to the Arlington Boys' Club and to the elderly of Arlington for the past 17 years.

The award was presented at the Arlington Jaycees' mid-year awards banquet which was held at Carroll's in

### Girl Scouts Launch 1980 Cookie Drive

Arlington Girl Scouts, as well as Scouts from 65 metropolitan Boston communities, will launch their 1980 annual Girl Scout Cookie and nut sale on Jan. 19. Brownie troops, as well as Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scouts, will participate in the sale which generates income to supplement their troop dues in financing troop activities.

Two additional products, GirlScout dry roasted peanuts and peanut candy, will be offered along with seven varieties of cookies: samoas, thin mints, do-si-dos vanchos, tagalongs, trefoils, and

Arlington Girl Scouts now belong to a new official organization, Patriots' Trail, the largest Girl Scout Council in New England. The council will provide the girl-centered, values-oriented programs of Girl Scouting for all girls in the city of Boston and 64 surrounding communities.

today. See Joe Byrne to register. The league will run for 10 weeks plus playoffs for the first four teams.

Instructional Floor hockey-for 1st-4th graders will be on Jan. 17 from 3:30-4:30. The program will stress the fundamentals of hockey such as passing, shooting, stick handling positional play and some of the basic rules of hockey Register with Joe Byrne. Deadline is Jan. 16 for this 10-week program.

Midget Sleepover-scheduled for Jan. 18 from 7 to 9 Saturday morning. Activities will include sports and games, arts and crafts, a pizza party, movies and a breakfast of doughnuts and milk. Cost will be \$2.50. This event is for members only. Deadline for signups is Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

Small fry day-Jan. 19. Fidelity House welcomes all children ages 4 and 5 to visit the cetner from 10 to noon. Participants will be able to use the game rooms, arts and crafts room as we I as the gym. Parents or older brothers and sisters are asked to accompany the children and join in the activities. The day will end with a magic show performed by "Fred the Fantastique.

### Girls' Overnight Set For Jan. 19th

A special overnight will be held at the Arlington Boys' Club on Jan. 19 starting at 8 p.m. for girl members. Included in this overnight will be swimming in the pool and a treasure hunt, gym activities, pin ball, pool, and fun in the games room. A midnight snack will be served as well as breakfast. Members must be picked up on Jan. 20, by 9 a.m.

Permission slips are available at the control desk. Slips must be signed and returned along with fee to defray expenses. Enrollment is on a first come basis and is limited

### **Woman Claims Police Mistreat** Her And Child

A Fremont street woman who last week told the Boston Herald American that Arlington police had mistreated her and traumatized her five-year-old daughter on New Year's Eve, has yet to

Twenty-one-year-old Marianne Newman was arrested on a three-yearold parking ticket warrant when, according to police, she interfered with the arrest of her brother for auto law violations.

Police say that when Newman began screaming, swearing and interfering with the arrest, they confirmed by radio that her warrant was outstanding and then went back to the house to arrest her.

Newman told the Herald American that when police broke down her front door and took her to the station about 8:20 p.m. they left Brenda crying in the apartment with a neighbor. Newman's one-and-a-half-year-old son Manny slept through the incident.

Newman has complained to the state attorney general's office and the Children's Protective Service. Attorney John Reinstein of the Civil Liberties Union has been "looking into the matter" for Newman, but has filed no charges thus far. He says he expects by the end of the week to have an idea of what course he'll take.

Police services director John Carroll told The Advocate police used the proper procedures in making the arrest and that there were two teenagers and a neighbor in the 14 Fremont st. apartment who volunteered to look after the children during the two hours and forty-five minutes Newman was detained.

In response to Newman's question in the Herald American as to why police didn't charge her with interfering with an arrest, Carroll told The Advocate that no such charge exists. He said there were a few options open to the officer in charge. Sgt. Francis McKenna, but that

McKenna chose to effect the warrant Carroll said McKenna could have also arrested Newman for disturbing the

### **MM Tech Sets** 16th ForAdult Ed. Registration

Registration night for Minuteman Tech's Adult Education program is scheduled for Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fifty-four courses, including such timely courses as income tax preparation, oil burner trouble shooting and a how-to-do-it course entitled "The Energy Efficient Solar House," are being offered during the spring semester which starts Jan. 28.

For those who would prefer to register by mail, a registration blank has been included on the Adult Education brochure. The brochure was sent to every home in the 12 towns of the Minuteman Tech district before Christmas. Anyone needing additional information may contact the Minuteman Tech Adult Education Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A number of courses have already been filled by mail registrations. The courses which are now closed are: Auto Body, Data Processing, Machine Shop, Small Engine Repair, Welding, Auto-Engine Tune-Up and Gourmet Baking,

There are still openings in such courses as Accounting, Auto Maintenance, Building Trades, Calligraphy, Cosmetology, Drafting, Electronics, Gourmet Cooking, Heating-Ventilating-Air Conditioning, Horticulture, Investment Alternatives, Middle Eastern Dance, Oil Painting, Photography, Patchwork Quilting, Plumbing for the Homeowner, Wiring for the Homeowner. Physical Fitness, Swimming, Scuba Gym, Diving. Reading Open Improvement, Study Skills, Stained Glass and Typing.

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